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RELEASING HUMAN POTENTIAL

MONTANA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

MAR 10 1972

BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE PROPOSES THIS STATEMENT FOR THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION

FIRST HEARING

January 29
Senate Chambers
Over 100 attended.
Testimony by:

Gerry Fenn
Frank Sennett
Rick Davenport
Charlotte Kilroy
James Pippard

"The rights of persons under the age of majority shall include, but not be limited to, all the fundamental rights of this article except where specifically precluded by laws which enhance the protection for such persons."

SECOND HEARING

January 31
Governor's Reception Room
Nearly 75 attended.
Testimony by:

Lois McMeekin
Vince Matule
Mavis Scott
Diana Leuppe
Mary Anne Fisher

THIRD HEARING
Convention Hall

On February 12 the rough draft of the entire proposed Bill of Rights was presented to and examined by the Constitutional Convention Delegates. Gerry Fenn and James Pippard testified for the section on the rights of those under the age of majority.

COMPILATION PREPARED

For the use of individuals and groups interested in children and youth rights, this information was compiled: 1) Suggested Statements submitted by groups and individuals; 2) Letters of Support from Montanans and others; 3) Background Information including a five-page essay on "Rights of Persons Under the Age of Majority" from Study No. 10 prepared by the Montana Constitutional Convention Commission, the Children's Charter, and the Declaration of the Rights of a Child.

Prepared by Miss Gerry Fenn, Community Planning Coordinator
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Accent on Youth

on school board!

Jack McLean, senior in *Brady* High School, is enthused about being elected and serving on the local school board. Jack was recently appointed to the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth by Governor Forrest H. Anderson. Write Jack at Box 42, Brady, Montana 59416 to learn about his school board experiences.

nominated for IFYE!

Nominated to spend six months with host families in other countries on the International Farm Youth Exchange are *Carol Joyes* of *Westby* and *Martha Armitage* of *Cameron*.

Martha spent the winter quarter in Mexico on an MSU program. Recently Governor Forrest H. Anderson appointed her to the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth.

youth appointed!

At the 1971 Restructuring Conference of the Montana Farmers Union, it was suggested that a youth be appointed to the Education Committee. The MFU Board of Directors appointed *Gail Stoltz* of *Valier* to serve a one-year term.

becomes mayor!

Elected at 18 years, *Jody Smith* has been sworn in as mayor of *Ayrshire, Iowa* which has 298 residents. President Nixon telephoned congratulations to this youngest mayor in the United States.

to England and Ireland!

Karen Tymofichuk, 14, of *Scobey* is one of 36 Girl Scouts from the United States to visit England and Ireland in July.

in science talent search!

Two Montana high school seniors, *Melissa Dayton* of *Bozeman* and *Mary Claire Hensley* of *Choteau*, were named to the honors group of the 31st annual Science Talent Search.

picked for Senate youth program!

Senators Mike Mansfield and Lee Metcalf named *Jon Satre*, 16, of *Helena* and *Daniel Flanagan*, 16, of *Eureka* to the 10th annual Senate Youth Program in Washington.

Each of the 102 delegates from all over the country will receive a $1,000 college scholarship.

secretary returns!

On November 29, 1971 *Mary Anne Fisher* of *Helena* returned to her work as secretary with Gerry Fenn. Those associated with children and youth programs are pleased to benefit from Mary Anne's capable work.

tapped for state council!

Susan Bick and *Tom Hopgood* of *Billings; John Counts, Livingston; J. Lee Cook, Great Falls; Maria Gomez, Huntley;* and *Jack McCormick, Butte* are youth serving on the State Superintendent's Council on Education for the Disadvantaged. The Council consists of 25 persons representing a cross-section of Montana's education and social interests.

attend safety conference!

Opportunity to attend a three-day National Youth Conference on Highway Safety held in San Francisco came to *Diane Sweetser* of *Helena* and *Gerald Dusenberry* of *Gallatin Gateway*.

kids kept cool

When Pontiac, Michigan was having its school integration problems, an interracial group of seventh graders went from school to school presenting assembly programs to show the positive side of integration.

Calling themselves "The Group," they issued a news flash for parents: "Students made it work. While parents riot, or picket, or pray, we kept our cool. We came to school. We made it work!"

serve on journalism internships

Two University of Montana students began a three-month program January 10 as Congressional interns in Washington D.C. *Ronnene Anderson* of *Missoula* and *John J. Cloherty* of *Chicago* each receive a $1,300 stipend plus transportation to and from Montana to do journalism work for Congressmen and to attend classes on reporting legislative affairs. Money for the internships is provided by Sears Roebuck.

national recognition comes

National recognition came to *Cynthia Larson*, a *Wolf Point* eighth grader, for a cartoon. She was a participant in the Visual Education Consultants program sponsored by the Billings Gazette. VEC of Madison, Wisconsin selected her effort as the "Student Cartoon of the Week."

youth have con con

Sponsored by the YMCA, 81 high school delegates had an exciting learning experience by conducting a Youth Constitutional Convention. Sessions were held January 5-8, 1972 in the House of Representatives, State Capitol, Helena. Participating schools were:

Billings	Great Falls
Bozeman	Helena
Brockton	Joliet
Butte	Missoula

John P. Elliott, 17, *Bozeman* was elected Convention president; *Mike Barrett*, 18, *Missoula*, vice president; and *Joyce Jarosz*, 18, *Bozeman*, secretary.

In their home communities, the young people spent several months studying the constitution, talking with citizens and advisers, sharing ideas on what the constitution should contain, and preparing Proposals for presentation.

Rick Davenport, Helena participated in the steering committee meeting. Also, he succeeded in getting this Proposal adopted: "Every child and youth shall have all the rights of the people of the State except for those rights specifically precluded by law."

Accent on Youth

HUMAN RESOURCE GROUPS ARE ACTIVE

RAVALLI COUNTY

On February 9, 1972, the "Youth, Recreation and Education Section" of the Ravalli County Human Resources Council sponsored a Youth-Adult Interaction in Hamilton which drew 59 adults and 60 youth from up and down the Bitterroot valley. Work Groups were formed to take action on three priorities: 1) A Center and opening up school facilities for further use; 2) Making a drag strip; and 3) Finding and creating summer jobs for youth. Mrs. Virginia Simmons of Hamilton is Chairman of the section.

In the fall of 1971 the Human Resources Council, with John Munson of Corvallis as Chairman, published a "Directory of Community Services" which describes all the Ravalli County "people" services and how to contact them.

CENTRAL MONTANA

September 11, 1971 was a big day in the park at Lewistown when youth and parents from the area had a "Rap Session" with public officials.

Participating were the mayor, City-County Planning Board vice president, sheriff, Constitutional Convention candidate, county commissioners, Montana Legislature representative, police officers and educators.

Topics discussed by the youth and adults related to the question, "What is crucial in Montana, and what is keeping us from having the type of community we desire?"

In Moore, Montana on December 8, 1971 students, faculty, administration, parents, agency representatives and pastors held a "Rap Session." This is an example of youth and adults in a small rural community working together to meet and solve human needs.

The rap session was sponsored by the Moore Women's Club and chaired by Mrs. Raymond J. Barta. Superintendent Richard Schmidt and the Moore School Board supported and encouraged the venture. Clark Welch of Fergus County Children's Services was the resource leader.

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Members of the Central Montana Human Resources Committee with Ted Cowan, Chairman have given support in planning and carrying out these rap sessions. The first such session was a "Speak Out" held in Lewistown in September, 1969.

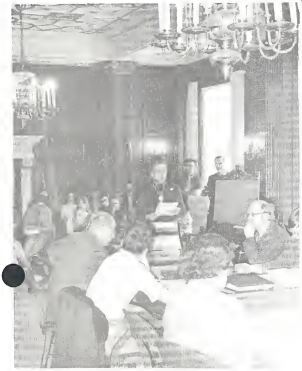
BILL of RIGHTS COMMITTEE HEARING on CHILDREN and YOUTH Rights

getting ready

convention president Graybill speaks

"we want our culture"

listening



more "testifying"

answering questions

MONTANANS IN YD/DPA INSTITUTE

Eighteen Montanans spent January 3-7, 1972 in Denver receiving training on youth development and delinquency prevention.

Billings
Marjorie Sikkenga
Tom Towe

Bozeman
Dorothy Bradley

Browning
Roland Kennerly

Fort Benton
Opal Winebrenner

Great Falls
John Krsul
Ed Shubat

Helena
Gordon Bennett
Gerry Fenn
Ralph Hay
Dan Mizner
James Pippard
Danni Robinette
John Thomas
Jack Vaughn
Richard Welch

Miles City
Scott Davis

Missoula
Dallas Howard

Methods used in the institute included: film, field trips, simulation game, small group discussions and lectures.

MACCY MEMBER SERVES WHILE IN JAPAN

Jerry Dalton, Lewistown, is attending International Christian University in Tokyo on the Junior Year Abroad program. He keeps in touch with fellow members of the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth by sending suggestions and information. Until July, you can write him at this address:

Mr. Jerry Dalton
c/o Tatsuma Saito
3-2-5 Mure
Mitaka City
Tokyo 181, JAPAN

Airmail to Japan costs 21 cents per half ounce. You can buy airletters at the Post Office for 15 cents.

BILLINGS HAS BOYS' CLUB

Started in 1971, Billings has the only Boys' Clubs organization in Montana. Gordon L. Eldredge, executive director and the only salaried person, is a graduate of Springfield College in Massachusetts with a major in recreation and youth leadership.

Boys' Clubs are usually located in poorer neighborhoods so members can walk to the club but any boy can belong. The club in Billings is at 20 South Broadway in the former International Harvester Building. There are 500 members with more anticipated.

RURAL AMERICA PROJECT ADVANCES

Since November 1971, five youth development workers have been in the field at the following locations:

Glendive
David Hoye

Polson
Dan Russell

Lewistown
Les Tanberg

Shelby
John Shearer

Wolf Point
Barbara Koser

This youth development and delinquency prevention program is administered by the Youth Development Bureau with Jack Vaughn, Director; Shirley Miller, Project Coordinator; and Jim Mallard, Health Educator.

In December all staff members reported to the National and State Task Forces meeting in Helena.

INTEREST SHOWN IN COMPREHENSIVE CHILD CARE

On December 17, 1971 Vince Matule and James Pippard of the State 4 C's staff and Gerry Fenn responded to call-ins on comprehensive child care for 40 minutes on Rosetta's Scooter program on KBLL, Helena.

Several persons wrote to Senators Mike Mansfield and Lee Metcalf and Congressmen John Melcher and Richard Shoup as S. 2007 faced President Nixon's veto.

MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH HOLDS SEVENTH MEETING

Well over 100 persons participated in the various sessions of MACCY held in Helena January 29-31, 1972. Highlights of the experiences were two major hearings with the Bill of Rights Committee of the Montana Constitutional Convention and a Children and Youth Fair staged in the rotunda of the Capitol building.

Participants invested time in debating the pros and cons of children and youth rights; in orienting new members, alternates and associates; and in viewing the film, "This Child is Rated X."

During the fair, the "Judith Basin Group" of Helena provided a thirty minute concert. Colorful booths, with persons in charge, depicted 18 positive children and youth actions going on in various parts of Montana.

ALBERTA NEWS

Arnold J. Malone, Supervisor of Developmental Education in the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation in the Province of Alberta reports that they now have 280 positions in the Department. Also, their volunteers are expanding their responsibilities.

"Everyone must somehow at sometime be somebody to someone or life is never anything to anyone."

- Contributed by Dulcie McLaughlin, Cutbank, one of Montana's two youth delegates to the White House Conference on Aging.

MACCY RECREATED

On February 10, 1972 Governor Forrest H. Anderson created the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth and appointed 24 youth and 24 adults to serve two year terms. The Council is a successor to the Committee which has operated for the past two years.

AAUW BRANCHES INVITE YOUTH TO HELP LOOK AT PUBLIC EDUCATION

Various branches of the American Association of University Women are inviting a cross section of youth to help them with their study-action topic, CRISIS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION. On a way-below-zero December 7, forty-nine youth and adults joined in Bozeman to share ideas on "What's Troubling High School Youth Concerning Education?" MACCY members who assisted Gerry Fenn guide the program were: Linda Pimperton, Stanley Wiegand and David Roseleip.

Dillon AAUW members held a planning session with four youth to get ready for an exchange-of-ideas experience among 35 AAUW persons and 35 youth on February 28, 1972. The Helena AAUW Branch planned a March 2, 1972 session with school board members, education people and youth.

Members of the Great Falls AAUW Branch have invited Jack McLean, Trudi Bishop and Gerry Fenn to bring ideas on education from the White House Conference on Youth which they attended in Estes Park, Colorado in April, 1971.

FOR THOSE CONCERNED WITH CHILDREN

Judith Cauman, a top consultant in early childhood education, is barnstorming Montana according to this schedule arranged by the State 4 C's Office:

Havre
Feb. 28-29
Mar. 1-2

Great Falls
Mar. 3-4

Missoula
Mar. 6-7

Butte
Mar. 9-10

Helena
Mar. 11 and 13

Billings
Mar. 14, 15, 18

Miles City
Mar. 16

Hardin
Mar. 17

Topics include: child development, how children learn, learning activities, good day care and parent education.

RESOURSES

CHILDREN'S NATURE CORPS

Kenneth R. Haddock who has lived in Montana created the Nature Corps to help children understand and respect nature. Every month each member receives a packet of nature-related materials including: an outdoor story, a wildlife picture, a nature specimen, a nature stamp and a nature study-conservation mission. Packets cost 35¢ each.

To become a member write this address for an application:

NATURE CORPS
60 Burroughs Street
Jamaica Plain
Massachusetts 02130

WRITE TO → → → → →

if you are interested in quality television for children.

Action for Children's Television
33 Hancock Avenue
Newton Centre, Massachusetts 02139

NATIONWIDE WORKSHOP TO BE IN DENVER

Montana can send two adults and one youth as representatives to a national workshop to help develop and strengthen State Children and Youth Councils. Invitations went to the 55 States and Territories.

This workshop will be held in Denver April 13-15, 1972. Sponsor is the National Council of State Committees for Children and Youth.

The NCSCCY will hold its annual meeting in Denver on April 15 and 16, just following the workshop.

NORTHLAND RECREATION LABORATORY

Many Montanans have experienced the joy of creative renewal by sharing skills, ideas and insights at Northland. This laboratory will be held April 20-27, 1972 at Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, Minnesota. For more information write:

Northland Rec Lab
3100 Westlake Street
Minneapolis, Minn. 55416

CHILDREN'S LOBBY

This Lobby was formed at the 1970 White House Conference on Children where it was decided that someone should speak for the 80 million Americans under 18 years. The organization supports Federal, State, and local legislation and appropriations in areas concerning children, youth and families. For further information write:

Children's Lobby
112 East 19th Street
New York, NY 10003

A Shrine For Your Love

MY NAME IS iLIFE.

I like my name.

I want to be me so much, it hurts inside.

But my mind isn't as big as yours,

and your world can turn all I know

upside down.

I want to be a big people like you.

So often, my wonder-world changes and tries to destroy

what I feel.

Then I get scared and may strike out or hide.

It's so hard to express what's inside.

My emotions seem to change one step ahead of the rest of me.

To be me, I've got to believe in myself.

I need for you to reach out your hand.

MY NAME IS iLIFE, AND I SHALL BUILD A SHRINE FOR YOUR LOVE.

-- Carl Coffman
Billings, Montana

CONSERVATION JOBS FOR 60 MONTANA YOUTH

Youth 15 to 18 years can apply for the federal Youth Conservation Corps program which will operate three residential camps in Montana forests. Each will be paid about $300.00 for eight weeks of work and environmental education. Camps will open late in June. For more information write:

James R. Anderson
Lewis and Clark National Forest
Box 871
Great Falls, MT 59401

Arnold E. Nelson
Lolo National Forest
2801 Russell Street
Missoula, MT 59801

Dale S. Thacker
Flathead National Forest
290 North Main
Kalispell, MT 59901

In general, young people are being recruited from areas in the vicinity of the camp sites.

REACTOR PANEL DISCUSSES FILM

James Pippard, Shirley Miller, Marilyn McKibben, Vince Matule, Danni Robinette, Dan Mizner, and Ralph Hay discuss "This Child is Rated X." This followed a showing of the film to 82 persons in Helena on January 29, 1972 during one of the MACCY sessions. The film can be rented or purchased from:

NBC Educational Enterprises
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10020

Alternatives to the institutionalization of children and youth can be discussed following a showing of this NBC Special Report.

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